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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MBFR UK  
SUBJECT: UK VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS IN MBFR

1. IN THE COURSE OF AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION, MOBERLY (ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY, FCO) TOLD EMBOFF THAT:  
-- THE FCO WAS PREPARING A PAPER WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE PASSED TO THE USG PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER MBFR TRILATERAL MEETING SETTING OUT SOME IDEAS WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED THERE.  
-- THE UK WOULD ALSO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRG, BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROVIDE THEM A SIMILAR PAPER.
2. MOBERLY WAS UNSPECIFIC ON THE PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT BE CONTAINED IN THE PAPER, BUT HE DID INDICATE THAT THE UK HAD NOT GIVEN UP ON ITS IDEA OF INDIVIDUAL CEILINGS SET AT 50 PERCENT OF THE EVENTUAL COMMON CEILING. THIS WOULD, HE NOTED, LEAVE THE FRG WITH CONSIDERABLE MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN IT WOULD THE USSR TO SUBSEQUENTLY INCREASE ITS FORCES.
3. HE REITERATED UK CONCERNS THAT THE DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA NOT BE LEFT WITH NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL TO SAY OR DO THROUGHOUT THE FALL WHILE NEXT STEPS WERE EXAMINED.

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